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Applicants : Kazuo HOKKIRIGAWA et al

For : CERAMIC MATERIAL, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME,  
AND FORMED PRODUCT THEREOF

Atty. Docket No.: OPS Case 569

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS**

Sir:

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identified application, kindly enter the following:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 3-9 as shown below. A marked-up copy  
of the amended claims is enclosed herewith.

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3. (Amended) A ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein the thermosetting resin is one kind of, or not less  
than two kinds of resins selected from the group consisting of  
phenol resin, diaryl phthalate resin, unsaturated polyester  
resin, epoxy resin, polyimide resin, and triazine resin.

4. (Amended) A ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein the binder is an organic binder and/or an inorganic  
binder.

5. (Amended) A ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein a mixing ratio of the defatted bran to the  
thermosetting resin is 50 to 90:50 to 10 by weight.

6. (Amended) A ceramic material according to claim 1,  
wherein a mixing ratio of the carbonized powders to the  
ceramic powders is 5 to 95:95 to 5 by weight.